Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

May 2009

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended May 16, 2009, there were 530,100 persons employed in Saskatchewan during May 2009, an increase of 17,300 from April 2009 and 12,600 more than the number employed in May 2008.

Agricultural employment was 45,500 persons in May 2009, up 600 from the April 2009 level and 1,100 more than the May 2008 agricultural employment level of 44,400. Non-agricultural employment was 484,600 persons in May 2009. This is an increase of 16,700 from the April 2009 non-agriculture employment level of 467,900 and 11,500 more than May 2008.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for May 2009 was 4.9 percent. This is a decrease of 0.5 percentage points from the April 2009 rate of 5.4 percent but 0.9 percentage points higher than the May 2008 level of 4.0 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 15,700 to 557,700 persons in May 2009 from 542,000 persons in April 2009. This is 19,000 more than the May 2008 labour force of 538,700 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 2.0 percentage points to 71.7 percent in May 2009 from 69.7 percent in April 2009. The May 2008 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 70.4 percent.

There were 27,600 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during May 2009. This is a decrease of 1,600 from April 2009 but is 6,300 more than the number unemployed in May 2008.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 523,200 persons employed in Saskatchewan in May 2009, up 3,100 from the April 2009 level of 520,100 and is up 13,400 from the May 2008 employment level of 509,800 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for May 2009 was 4.9 percent. This is a decrease of 0.1 percentage points from the April 2009 rate of 5.0 percent but 0.8 percentage points higher than the May 2008 rate of 4.1 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 307,200 persons in May 2009 to 16,952,300 persons from 16,645,100 persons in April 2009. In May 2008, there were 17,289,800 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 0.2 percentage points to 8.7 percent from the April 2009 level of 8.5 percent. In May 2008, Canada's unemployment rate was 6.2 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 8.4 percent in May 2009. This is 0.4 percentage points higher than April 2009 and 2.3 percentage points higher than the May 2008 level of 6.1 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	May 2009	April 2009	May 2008	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	18,564.2	18,200.2	18,433.9	364.0	130.3
Employed ('000)	16,952.3	16,645.1	17,289.8	307.2	-337.5
Full-Time ('000)	13,689.9	13,336.2	14,120.3	353.7	-430.4
Part-Time ('000)	3,262.4	3,308.9	3,169.5	-46.5	92.9
Unemployed ('000)	1,611.9	1,555.1	1,144.2	56.8	467.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.7	8.5	6.2	0.2	2.5
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	8.4	8.0	6.1	0.4	2.3
Participation Rate (%)	68.1	66.9	68.6	1.2	-0.5
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	557.7	542.0	538.7	15.7	19.0
Employed ('000)	530.1	512.8	517.5	17.3	12.6
Full-Time ('000)	432.2	410.3	425.3	21.9	6.9
Part-Time ('000)	97.8	102.5	92.1	-4.7	5.7
Unemployed ('000)	27.6	29.2	21.3	-1.6	6.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.9	5.4	4.0	-0.5	0.9
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.9	5.0	4.1	-0.1	0.8
Participation Rate (%)	71.7	69.7	70.4	2.0	1.3
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Labour Force ('000)	2,151.6	2,102.4	2,100.8	49.2	50.8
Employed ('000)	2,000.7	1,966.9	2,022.5	33.8	-21.8
Full-Time ('000)	1,647.4	1,596.8	1,694.3	50.6	-46.9
Part-Time ('000)	353.3	370.1	328.2	-16.8	25.1
Unemployed ('000)	150.9	135.5	78.3	15.4	72.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.0	6.4	3.7	0.6	3.3
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.6	6.0	3.6	0.6	3.0
Participation Rate (%)	75.4	73.8	75.3	1.6	0.1
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Labour Force ('000)	645.4	630.1	637.7	15.3	7.7
Employed ('000)	615.7	598.4	612.8	17.3	2.9
Full-Time ('000)	500.1	486.5	499.0	13.6	1.1
Part-Time ('000)	115.7	111.9	113.9	3.8	1.8
Unemployed ('000)	29.7	31.7	24.9	-2.0	4.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.6	5.0	3.9	-0.4	0.7
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.9	4.6	4.2	0.3	0.7
Participation Rate (%)	70.1	68.5	70.2	1.6	-0.1

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
Prepared by Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Finance

TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	May 2009	April 2009	May 2008	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	557.7	542.0	538.7	15.7	19.0
Male	296.1	287.4	288.3	8.7	7.8
Female	261.6	254.7	250.5	6.9	11.1
15-24 Years of Age	106.3	97.9	105.5	8.4	0.8
25+ Years of age	451.4	444.2	433.2	7.2	18.2
EMPLOYED ('000)	530.1	512.8	517.5	17.3	12.6
Male	279.0	268.1	276.7	10.9	2.3
Female	251.0	244.8	240.7	6.2	10.3
15-24 Years of Age	94.0	86.2	96.2	7.8	-2.2
25+ Years of age	436.0	426.6	421.3	9.4	14.7
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	27.6	29.2	21.3	-1.6	6.3
Male	17.1	19.3	11.5	-2.2	5.6
Female	10.6	9.9	9.7	0.7	0.9
15-24 Years of Age	12.3	11.7	9.3	0.6	3.0
25+ Years of age	15.4	17.6	12.0	-2.2	3.4
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	4.9	5.4	4.0	-0.5	0.9
Male	5.8	6.7	4.0	-0.9	1.8
Female	4.1	3.9	3.9	0.2	0.2
15-24 Years of Age	11.6	12.0	8.8	-0.4	2.8
25+ Years of age	3.4	4.0	2.8	-0.6	0.6
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	71.7	69.7	70.4	2.0	1.3
Male	77.2	75.0	76.4	2.2	0.8
Female	66.3	64.6	64.6	1.7	1.7
15-24 Years of Age	76.3	70.2	75.7	6.1	0.6
25+ Years of age	70.7	69.7	69.2	1.0	1.5

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	May 2009	April 2009	May 2008	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	45.5	44.9	44.4	0.6	1.1
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	21.6	21.9	24.5	-0.3	-2.9
Utilities	4.7	4.5	6.1	0.2	-1.4
Construction	38.8	34.1	34.1	4.7	4.7
Manufacturing	29.3	30.2	31.3	-0.9	-2.0
Trade	82.3	81.2	85.1	1.1	-2.8
Transportation and Warehousing	24.3	22.8	25.3	1.5	-1.0
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	30.2	30.9	28.8	-0.7	1.4
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	22.9	20.9	20.0	2.0	2.9
Business, Building and Other Support Services	12.4	10.9	11.9	1.5	0.5
Educational Services	41.5	40.2	37.1	1.3	4.4
Health Care and Social Assistance	64.8	64.6	64.7	0.2	0.1
Information, Culture and Recreation	21.8	18.8	21.4	3.0	0.4
Accommodation and Food Services	33.2	30.7	31.7	2.5	1.5
Other Services	24.3	25.1	22.8	-0.8	1.5
Public Administration	32.6	31.1	28.4	1.5	4.2
Total	530.1	512.8	517.5	17.3	12.6
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	432.2	410.3	425.3	21.9	6.9
Part-Time	97.8	102.5	92.1	-4.7	5.7
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	430.9	411.3	422.7	19.6	8.2
Public Sector	136.8	131.0	128.8	5.8	8.0
Private Sector	294.1	280.4	293.9	13.7	0.2
Self-Employed	99.2	101.5	94.8	-2.3	4.4

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	May 2009	April 2009	May 2008	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	16,952.3	16,645.1	17,289.8	307.2	-337.5
Newfoundland & Labrador	215.7	204.3	228.9	11.4	-13.2
Prince Edward Island	71.7	64.7	74.0	7.0	-2.3
Nova Scotia	460.6	443.5	457.8	17.1	2.8
New Brunswick	370.4	353.2	368.7	17.2	1.7
Quebec	3,888.3	3,794.9	3,903.0	93.4	-14.7
Ontario	6,530.0	6,468.3	6,774.5	61.7	-244.5
Manitoba	615.7	598.4	612.8	17.3	2.9
Saskatchewan	530.1	512.8	517.5	17.3	12.6
Alberta	2,000.7	1,966.9	2,022.5	33.8	-21.8
British Columbia	2,269.2	2,238.1	2,330.0	31.1	-60.8
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	8.7	8.5	6.2	0.2	2.5
Newfoundland & Labrador	15.8	17.9	13.4	-2.1	2.4
Prince Edward Island	11.5	17.3	8.4	-5.8	3.1
Nova Scotia	9.2	10.3	8.5	-1.1	0.7
New Brunswick	9.4	10.4	9.4	-1.0	0.0
Quebec	8.5	9.3	7.2	-0.8	1.3
Ontario	9.8	8.8	6.6	1.0	3.2
Manitoba	4.6	5.0	3.9	-0.4	0.7
Saskatchewan	4.9	5.4	4.0	-0.5	0.9
Alberta	7.0	6.4	3.7	0.6	3.3
British Columbia	7.8	7.8	4.7	0.0	3.1

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TABLE 5

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	Mar-May 2009	Feb-Apr 2009	Mar-May 2008	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	8.3	8.4	9.0	-0.1	-0.7
Halifax	6.3	6.2	5.5	0.1	0.8
Saint John	6.1	6.2	6.6	-0.1	-0.5
Quebec	4.6	5.1	5.3	-0.5	-0.7
Montreal	9.7	9.4	7.6	0.3	2.1
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.2	5.4	5.2	0.8	1.0
Greater Sudbury	8.5	8.7	5.7	-0.2	2.8
Toronto	9.3	8.9	6.6	0.4	2.7
Winnipeg	5.0	5.1	4.3	-0.1	0.7
Regina	3.9	4.4	4.3	-0.5	-0.4
Saskatoon	5.2	5.2	4.1	0.0	1.1
Calgary	6.7	6.4	3.0	0.3	3.7
Edmonton	6.3	5.4	3.9	0.9	2.4
Vancouver	7.0	6.7	4.1	0.3	2.9
Victoria	6.2	6.0	2.7	0.2	3.5
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	156.0	155.5	153.8	0.5	2.2
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	54.3	53.1	52.8	1.2	1.5
Saskatoon-Biggar	169.4	167.5	165.6	1.9	3.8
Yorkton-Melville	39.3	38.6	38.2	0.7	1.1
Prince Albert & Northern	99.0	98.0	96.4	1.0	2.6

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 6

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	Mar-May 2009	Feb-Apr 2009	Mar-May 2008	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	545.4	540.3	528.5	5.1	16.9
Employed ('000)	516.7	511.4	505.5	5.3	11.2
Unemployed ('000)	28.7	28.9	23.0	-0.2	5.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.3	5.4	4.3	-0.1	1.0
Participation Rate (%)	70.2	69.6	69.2	0.6	1.0
Employment Rate (%)	66.5	65.9	66.2	0.6	0.3
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	505.2	500.4	490.5	4.8	14.7
Employed ('000)	482.1	476.9	473.0	5.2	9.1
Unemployed ('000)	23.1	23.5	17.4	-0.4	5.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.6	4.7	3.6	-0.1	1.0
Participation Rate (%)	70.7	70.1	69.8	0.6	0.9
Employment Rate (%)	67.5	66.8	67.3	0.7	0.2
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	40.2	39.9	38.0	0.3	2.2
Employed ('000)	34.5	34.5	32.5	0.0	2.0
Unemployed ('000)	5.7	5.5	5.5	0.2	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	14.1	13.6	14.6	0.5	-0.5
Participation Rate (%)	64.4	64.2	62.4	0.2	2.0
Employment Rate (%)	55.4	55.4	53.3	0.0	2.1
NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN					
Labour Force ('000)	16.9	17.1	16.0	-0.2	0.9
Employed ('000)	14.0	14.4	12.7	-0.4	1.3
Unemployed ('000)	2.8	2.7	3.4	0.1	-0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	16.8	15.7	21.0	1.1	-4.2
Participation Rate (%)	59.9	60.9	58.2	-1.0	1.7
Employment Rate (%)	49.8	51.3	46.0	-1.5	3.8
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Labour Force ('000)	23.2	22.7	21.8	0.5	1.4
Employed ('000)	20.4	20.0	19.6	0.4	0.8
Unemployed ('000)	2.8	2.8	2.2	0.0	0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	12.2	12.1	10.0	0.1	2.2
Participation Rate (%)	68.1	66.8	65.9	1.3	2.2
Employment Rate (%)	59.8	58.6	59.3	1.2	0.5

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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